

WOOD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

March 3, 2016

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Yantis Café, Yantis, Texas

The Wood County Industrial Commission met March 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., at the Yantis Café in Yantis, Texas.

Members Present:

Allene Doggett	Sammie Barney	Janna Castloo	Paul Kelbe
Neal Duncan	Richard Pearce	Jason LaRue	Sam Scroggins
Martha Scroggins	JR Simpson		

Members Not Present:

Ken Donahue	Dan Kirk	Gerald Elliott	Lowe Ann Elliott
Sue Hitzemann	Jim Horn	Gary Edwards	

Others Present: Executive Director Kiki Bettis; Guests: Tammy Kelbe, Larry Barnes, Darrell Slabaugh; media, Bryan Gigure and Brandi Box.

1. **Call To Order/Welcome:** Chairman Sam Scroggins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the invocation led by Neal Duncan.
2. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Martha Scroggins to approve the minutes from the February 4 meeting. Motion carried- unanimously. A motion was made by Paul Kelbe and seconded Richard Pearce to approve the financial reports for the month ending February 29, 2016. Motion carried- unanimously.
3. **Lake Country Classic Car Shows:** Representatives of the Lake Country Classic Car Club Darrell Slabaugh and Larry Barnes updated the board on the Club's plans for the upcoming car show as well as future car shows. The Club is looking to the make the event a Wood County/Regional event and looking to attract a major sponsor and increase the cash awards. The Club is looking at making the car show a two-day event with Friday night being a dinner, sock hop and social followed by the car show on Saturday. Also, with the growth the car show has seen in the past couple years, the Club is looking at how to accommodate and manage the growth/participation by potentially looking for a bigger venue as well as offer additional classes and awards. Slabaugh and Barnes are also working on a new website which will also allow online registration, improve the logistics and possibly train any additional volunteers. The Car Club will host their annual car show on September 24, 2016 at the Mineola Civic Center and they are look to host at least 300 registrants from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. It has become one the largest shows in East Texas with an estimate of more than 3,000 visitors attending the show.
4. **UCC Projects for FY 2015-2016:** The Economic Development Committee met February 18 to review the application requests for UCC grant funding. 10 applications were received by the WCIC office and each applicant gave a presentation to the committee about their project and request. The Committee met again on March 1 to discuss and decide funding options for each of the applications. Chairman Scroggins thanked the ED Committee for their time and efforts throughout the process and expressed how pleased he was with how smooth the process went as it was the WCIC's first year to undergo this process. Recommendations for funding included: Mineola Economic Development Corporation, \$5,000; Quitman Economic Development Corporation, \$4,100; Quitman Economic Development Corporation, \$16,000; Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce, \$1,600; Winnsboro Center of the Arts, \$2,150; Winnsboro Economic Development Corporation, \$5,000; The Homestead, \$4,700; Mineola League of the Arts, \$675; Wood County Retired School Personnel, \$500. A motion was made by Richard Pearce and seconded by Paul Kelbe to approve the list of recommendations for UCC funding. Motion carried- unanimously. The project list will be turned over to the Commissioners Court for final approval.
5. **'HOT Fund Projects Policy & Procedure:** Bettis requested a new procedure be implemented into the WCIC's policy with regards to funding HOT projects. The policy would allow the committee to select 2 alternate applicants in the instance that an organization awarded HOT monies opt not to use those funds and can be turned over to one of those two alternate applicants. Any additional monies not used after the 2 alternates will remain in the budget and carried over into the next fiscal year. A motion was made by Neal Duncan and seconded by Paul Kelbe to approve the new procedure and implement such into the WCIC's policy. Motion carried- unanimously.
6. **Executive Directors Report:** Bettis updated the board members on the status of the local elections. Those claiming victory were Pct. 1 Commissioner Virgil Junior Holland, Pct. 2 Constable Kelly Smith and

District Judge Jeff Fletcher. There will be a run-off election in May for the office of Wood County Sheriff between Castloo and Shadbolt, and the position of Pct. 3 Commissioner between candidates Williams and Simmons. On the state level, a run-off election will also affect Cole Hefner and Jay Misenheimer who are seeking of the office of State Representative, along with Bryan Hughes and David Simpson who are battling for a seat on the Senate. Bettis also reminded the board that she will be attending the Aviation Conference March 9-10 at Lake Conroe.

7. **Community Reports:**

Alba- Lake Fork Reel 'Em In Fishing Tournament to be held at Lake Fork Marina April 8-10 benefitting K94COPS. Also, the High School Bass Fishing Team will be competing at Lake Tyler this weekend along with 137 other teams from around the state.

Golden- The community welcomed a new Barber Shop in town.

Mineola- Pt. Patrick's Day Street Dance on Johnson Street. A new Herb & Tea Shop has opened in downtown and most of the downtown merchants have agreed to open all weekend long in conjunction with first Monday Trade Days. Showing at the Select Theater this weekend is "Race" followed by the showing of "Risen" next weekend. Also, School Night for Astronomy will be held Saturday at the Nature Preserve. The Lake Country Home & Outdoor Expo will be held May 13-14 at the Mineola Civic Center.

Quitman- True Value Hardware will have its Grand Opening and ribbon cutting Friday at 10 a.m. Also, Toliver Ford will host their Grand Opening and ribbon cutting on Thursday, March 10. Students from the University of Texas at Austin will be Quitman this weekend working on a film.

Winnsboro- The annual Chamber Banquet will be held February 18. The Wellness Coalition will host their annual 5k Run at Walker Park on March 19 beginning at 8 a.m. The annual Gun Show is slated for April 9. Also, there are two new restaurants set to open soon in the downtown area.

Winnsboro- Chamber Banquet scheduled for February 18 and the Wellness Coalition will host their annual 'Get Out & Play' 11k and 5k color run on March 19 at the City Park. Also, Winnsboro has a new steak house restaurant that opened in downtown.

Yantis- Texas Parks & Wildlife and the Lake Fork Sportsmen's Association held a ceremony at Yantis ISD dedicating a greenhouse to the campus and students. In the community, volunteers are working to re-establish the Youth Foundation.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 7, at Holly Lake Ranch, however the location of the meeting will be announced at a later time.

9. **Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**

Kiki Bettis, Executive Director